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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FURTHER EGYPTIAN REACTION TO DEPARTMENT'S JUNE 27 STATEMENT

REF: CAIRO 10847

1. LATE LAST EVENING FAHMY TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT
PRESIDENT SADAT WISHES TO SEE ME BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE
FOR LIBREVILLE. HE WISHED TO ALERT ME TO THE FACT THAT
THE PRESIDENCY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME TO ARRANGE A
MEETING FOR TODAY OR TOMORROW. HE GAVE NO INDICATION
OF WHAT SADAT HAS IN MIND, BUT MENTIONED THAT HE HAD
DISCUSSED THE DEPT'S JUNE 27 STATEMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. THIS GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT TO FAHMY
THAT THE REACTION OF MOST ARAB CAPITALS TO THE STATEMENT
HAS BEEN POSITIVE. FAHMY AGREED THAT THIS WAS ALSO THE
SIGNAL GOE IS RECEIVING FROM VARIOUS ARAB CAPITALS.
EVEN THE PLO, HE NOTED, HAS REACTED POSITIVELY. WHEN
I ASKED HOW THIS SQUARED WITH VOICE OF PALESTINE
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CONDEMNATION (CAIRO 10866), FAHMY CLAIMED THAT KHALID
FAHUM HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT APPLAUDING THE DEPT'S
STATEMENT. I SAID I HOPED THAT THE POSITIVE VIEWS OF
HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES HAS CAUSED HIM TO TAKE ANOTHER
LOOK AT OUR STATEMENT. FAHMY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS
A "MINORITY OF ONE" ON THE SUBJECT, BUT MODESTLY INSISTED
HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES HAD NOT "SEEN THROUGH" THE STATEMENT

AS HE HAD. HE STILL VIEWED NEGATIVE ISRAELI REACTION AS
"CAMOUFLAGE."

3. FAHMY DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE BRIEFED THE EGYPTIAN PRESS
ON HIS NEGATIVE REACTION. LOCAL PRESS COMMENTARY CONTINUES
TO BE POSITIVE, IF SLIGHTLY RESTRAINED. THUS, TODAY'S
AHRAH EDITORIAL LAUDS STATEMENT AS CLEAREST ISSUED THUS
FAR BY USG RE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN REACHING SETTLE-
MENT AND SEES IT AS "VERY CLOSE" TO SPIRIT WHICH DICTATED
UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. EDITORIALIST ASSERTS DEPT
STATEMENT PROMPTED BY ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND SETS FORTH
"BROAD LINES, IF NOT MINUTE DETAILS, OF COURSE OF AMERICAN
POLICY." ALSO DESCRIBES STATEMENT AS "HUMBLE BEGINNING
ON LONG ROAD WHICH USG MUST NEGOTIATE IN ITS DEALING WITH
ISRAEL," WHICH ALLEGEDLY STILL FAILS APPRECIATE NEW
REALITIES CREATED BY OCTOBER WAR.
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